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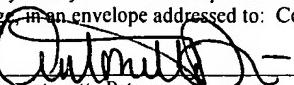


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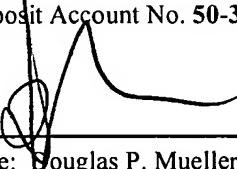
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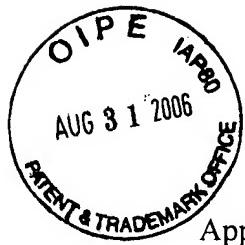
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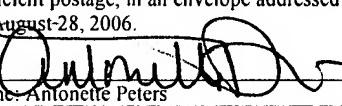


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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed. A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report, completed July 31, 2006, is also enclosed.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- (1) within three (3) months of the Filing Date, before the mailing date of a First Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing date of a First Office Action on the merits after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114; or
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 - the requisite Statement is below, OR
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As required under §1.97(e), Applicants hereby state either that:

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- The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. applications. A copy of each U.S. patent application publication (if published) or application (if not published) is enclosed.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

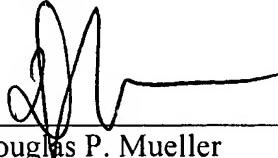
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US 5,183,742	02/1993	Omoto et al.			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
						YES
	WO 03/075008	09/2003	WIPO			
	WO 03/001213	01/2003	WIPO			
	EP 0 785 429	07/1997	European Patent Office			
	DD 216 806	07/1983	Germany			
	JP 2001-302660	10/2001	Japan			Abstract
	JP 4-12271	01/1992	Japan			Abstract
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						
		Supplementary European Search Report for Application Number EP 03 78 4517, completed July 31, 2006.				
		P. Tangboriboonrat et al., "Surface Characterization of a γ -radiation-crosslinked natural rubber latex by a phase transfer technique with cationic surfactants", <i>Polymer</i> , 1995, Vol. 36, No. 4, pp. 781-785.				



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